



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Liturgy of the Word
September 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector
Preacher The Rev. Chad McCall, Associate Priest
Music Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall
Eric Mellenbruch, Associate Director of Music + organist
Susan Meitz, soprano

🌿 The flowers on the High Altar are given in celebration of 50 years of marriage to Mary Reynolds (St. David's September 26, 1970) by Ronney Reynolds, and In thanksgiving for Martha Moody DeGrasse by the Moody Family. 🌿

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WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Even though we are in a new phase of church life, we are committed to offering a meaningful Sunday worship experience for all who tune in to our virtual services (Liturgy of the Word at 9 a.m. and Compline at 8 p.m. on Sundays). Formation for children, youth, and adults is offered after the morning service beginning at 10A. You can find links to the children and youth formation at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

We miss seeing you in person and long for the day when we can be back together. Until then, we hold you in our hearts, and hope you enjoy the service.

NEW TO ST. DAVID'S?

If you are new to St. David's, we especially welcome you! If you want more information about the church, please complete the guest card on the [Newcomers](#) page of our website. Amy Moehnke, our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, will get back to you very soon!

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can add a comment on Facebook during the service or send them to prayers@stdave.org.

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Please connect with us to receive updates on events and church announcements.

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Our online worship service is produced by the St. David's staff:

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE: St. David's Favorite Hymn #5

This is the original 15th-century setting.

WELCOME

HYMN 531

✠ O Spirit of the living God

Melcombe



1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God,
 2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
 3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light;
 4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh



in all thy plen - i - tude of grace,
 to preach the rec - on - cil - ing word;
 con - fu - sion, or - der in thy path;
 the tri - umphs of the cross re - cord;



wher - e'er the foot of man hath trod,
 give pow'r and unc - tion from a - bove,
 souls with - out strength in - spire with might,
 the Name of Je - sus glo - ri - fy,



de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
 when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
 bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
 till ev - 'ry peo - ple call him Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

☒ **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

☒ **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

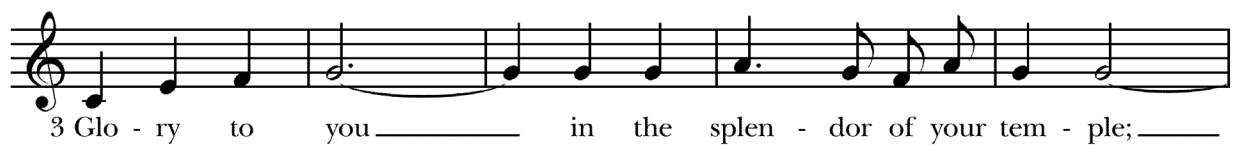
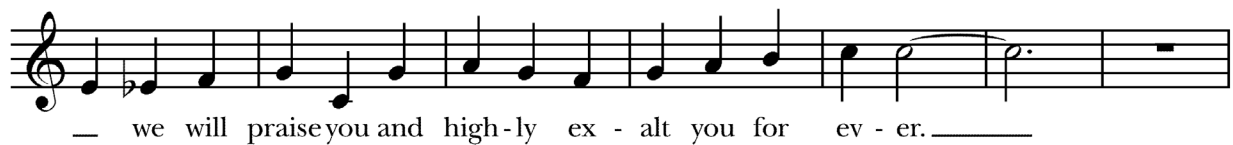
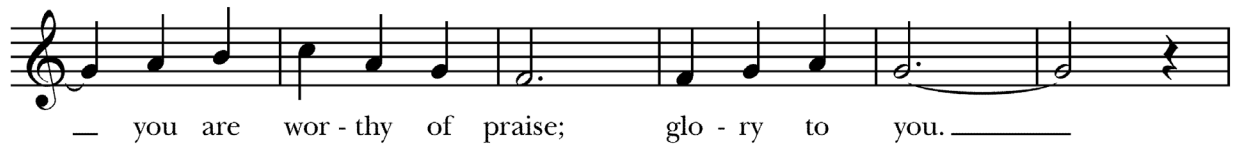
ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ SONG OF PRAISE

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4 Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Che - ru - bim; —

— we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

5 Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the depths; — in the

high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. — 6 Glo - ry to

you, — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; — we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR PROPER 21

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O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✠ **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Susan Meitz
BCP, P. 614

Psalm 25:1-8 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

✘ **2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

✘ **4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

✘ **6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

✘ **8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 477 *(Please stand and sing.)*

✦ **All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine**

Engelberg

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✦ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Chad McCall, Associate Priest

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

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✠ **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

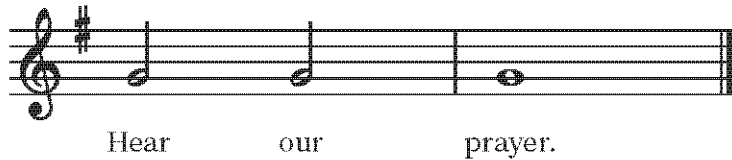
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

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(Please sing the following response after the Cantor sings "Lord, in your mercy,")

Refrain

Mark Wischkaemper



Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.*

Grant grace and peace to all clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; and Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; that they may continue in the way of love. *Silence.*

♪ Refrain

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially those in positions of leadership, Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and Steve our Mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

♪ Refrain

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's, those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially John, Roy, Melissa, and those who have died from Covid-19; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.*

♪ Refrain

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF 2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: From God Christ's deity came forth
Based on Hymn 443.

arr. Mark Wischkaemper

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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✠ **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our St. David's favorite hymns countdown continues as the prelude through Sun, October 25.
- Discipleship Challenge starts today and runs through October 24, and includes an opportunity to share about our experiences at Harvest Sunday. For more information and to register for the Discipleship Challenge, visit the St. David's website. Don't wait- the first set of challenges is already available to you! Don't wait- the first set of challenges is already available to you!
- Join Father Chuck for a three-week series on having difficult conversations during an election year, beginning Tues, Sep 29 at 7p.m. via Zoom. At the first meeting, the Rev. Barkley Thompson, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Houston and author of *In the Midst of the City: The Gospel and God's Politics*, will be our guest. He will talk about the year-long series they held at the Cathedral about how to deal with conflict, build trust among people who disagree about important things, and find common ground. Along with Dean Thompson's book, we will look at biblical texts for road signs to guide our efforts.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – www.stdave.org

BLESSING

May the love that is creating us, and the love that is healing us, and the love that is sustaining us be in you and with you and through you, for your healing and the healing of the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. ✠ **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Ricercar in F

Giulio Segni

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are most grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to connect to each other in these challenging times. Your gifts directly enable us to use modern technology to stay connected to each other and the world. St. David's depends on the ongoing support and care of committed members of our congregation like you.

Your generosity and commitment to St. David's will be processed and posted to your account. We want to respect your preferred way of giving:

- Checks

Please mail your check to the church. We are able to receive mail and deposit checks via a remote deposit check scanner. Our address is 301 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

- Online [Click here to donate!](#)

If you experience a delay or connection issue during peak times on Sunday, please try giving at a later time or consider setting up a recurring donation through your bank. We apologize for this inconvenience.

- Text STDAVE to 73256.

- If you are not already giving, please consider making St. David's your giving priority this year.

Thank you for your generosity to God and St. David's Episcopal Church.

ATTEND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

After this service, there will be formation for children, youth, and adults. Children and youth will find the link to register at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

Today, children have chapel from 10-10:15A, and then children's formation begins at 10:15 a.m..

Youth meet with Jenny Campbell, our Director of Youth Ministry, via Zoom, beginning at 10 a.m.

For the adults, the virtual Sunday Bible Study from today through November 22 is "Exploring the Prophets" (skipped Oct 25 & Nov 1). Today, join the Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell for a discussion of the Prophet Isaiah. Adults may also attend Men's Bible Study, The Middle Place, or Wisdom Ways. All begin at 10 a.m. and can be accessed from the web site and through The Abbey.

UPCOMING EVENTS (All events happen virtually)

- High School EYC happens on Tues at 6 p.m., and Middle School EYC on Wed at 5:30 p.m.
- On Wed evening, you can join Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- And, don't forget - Café Divine and Holy Grounds Curbside To-Go – Tues-Fri, place your order 4 a.m.-1 p.m., and pick up 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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